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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.4
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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ITEM NO: WH-1

DATE: 25 NOVEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: COMMENT ON MAXWELL'S ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST

REF : WASHINGTON POST NOV 24;

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BRITISH JOURNALIST NEVILLE MAXWELL WROTE IN THE WASHINGTON POST THIS MORNING THAT CHINESE OFFICIALS TOLD HIM THAT PEKING HAD BEEN WARNED IN APRIL, JUNE AND AUGUST OF THIS YEAR OF AN IMMINENT SOVIET ATTACK. ACCORDING TO MAXWELL, THE CHINESE "CLEARLY IMPLIED" THAT THE WARNINGS CAME FROM THE US AND WERE BASED ON INFORMATION GATHERED BY SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE. [REDACTED] HAS WRITTEN FAVORABLE OF CHINA IN THE PAST AND RECENTLY SPENT A MONTH THERE.

SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE PUT OUT A SIMILAR LINE TO OTHER WESTERN VISITORS, MOST RECENTLY DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND DANISH PRIME MINISTER HARTLING.

THIS LINE APPEARS TO BE A CHINESE ATTEMPT TO AGGRAVATE US RELATIONS

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RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. CHINESE PROPAGANDA FOR SOME TIME HAS DWELT ON THE INHERENT CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR AND THE INEVITABILITY OF WAR BETWEEN THEM. THE CHINESE HAVE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE MAIN SOVIET THREAT IS DIRECTED NOT AGAINST CHINA BUT AT WESTERN EUROPE.

MAXWELL IS ONE OF THE FEW OBSERVERS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE CHINESE AT FACE VALUE; THE DANES, FOR INSTANCE, WERE PUZZLED BY TENG'S STATEMENT THAT "RELIABLE AMERICAN SOURCES" TOLD PEKING THAT A SINO-SOVIET WAR WAS IMPENDING. E-2 IMPDET.H

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